

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-6. (canceled)

7. (withdrawn - currently amended) A method of indexing a machine or the like in position on the ground, the machine having a leg with a hollow bushing ~~(4, 104)~~ (4, 104) for adjusting its level, which bushing is screwed to the machine and bears without sliding on a soleplate ~~(2, 102)~~ (2, 102) in contact with the ground, the soleplate including an orifice ~~(6, 106)~~ (6, 106) opening out into the bushing, the method comprising the steps of:

positioning the machine on the ground~~[[,]]~~; ~~of~~

drilling a hole (112) in the ground in line with the orifice (106) in the soleplate (102) of the leg using a drilling tool passing along the bushing of the leg ~~(4, 104)~~ (4, 104) and through the orifice ~~(6, 106)~~ (6, 106) in the soleplate~~[[,]]~~; and ~~of~~

fitting in the hole a positioning member (107) that co-operates with the orifice ~~(6, 106)~~ (6, 106) in the soleplate in order to index ~~its~~ a position of the machine on the ground.

8. (withdrawn) A method according to claim 7, including the step of fastening the positioning member (107) in the hole (112) in the ground.

9. (withdrawn) A method according to claim 8, wherein the fastening step consists in embedding the positioning member (107) in the ground.

10. (currently amended) A machine leg for ~~implementing the method of claim 7, the leg~~ indexing a machine in position on the ground, comprising:

a hollow bushing (104);

~~with a~~ soleplate, forming a bottom of the bushing and having an orifice through the bottom opening out into the bushing; soleplate forming bottom (102), the bottom including an orifice (106) for co-operating with and

a positioning member for projecting from a drilled hole in the ground, wherein,

the orifice (106) is sized to co-operate with the positioning member, and

the positioning member is configured to pass through the bushing along a length of the bushing and through the orifice into the drilled hole in the ground, the drilled hole in line

with the orifice, thereby positioning the machine on the ground for indexing.

11. (currently amended) A machine leg according to claim 10, wherein the bottom (103) is ~~made integrally~~ integral with the bushing (104).

12. (currently amended) A machine leg according to claim 10, further comprising:

a nut for anchoring the bushing (104), and wherein,
the positioning member (107) is ~~secured~~ securable to the ground, and

the positioning member has a threaded free end for receiving ~~[[a]]~~ the nut (108) for anchoring the bushing (104), the nut bearing against an inside face of the bottom of the bushing (104).

13. (withdrawn - new) A method according to claim 7, comprising the further step of securing the positioning member to the ground by threading a nut onto a threaded free end of the positioning member, the nut bearing against an inside face of the soleplate located at a bottom of the bushing (104).

14. (withdrawn - new) A method of indexing a machine in position on the ground, comprising the steps of: